

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to grant funding in connection the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development 2013 Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), to accept and receive the the 2013 HRP Program Grant in an approximate amount of \$8,221,950 from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development that was awarded to the RAP for the development of various capital projects.
2. AUTHORIZE the Chief Accounting Employee, RAP, to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 205 to accept the HRP Program grant in the approximate amount of \$8,221,950.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the RAP. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 25, 2014, your Committee considered a July 24, 2014 RAP report relative to grant funding in connection the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) 2013 HRP Program. According to the RAP, the CDHCD HRP Program, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, is designed to by providing development funds for park-related projects. The HRP Program funds may be used for the creation or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, play areas, non-motorized recreational trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and landscaping.

On behalf of the City, in the 2010 and 2011 HRP Program grant cycles, the RAP collaborated with the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department in applying for these funds and was awarded \$1,594,850 and \$1,891,300, respectively (Council File No. 11-1378). These awards have subsequently helped fund the following capital park-related projects:

- a. 139 E. 61st Street Park (CD 9)
- b. 4600 Orchard Avenue Park (CD 9)
- c. 554 W. 97th Street Park (CD 8)
- d. 609 W. 105th Street Park (CD 8)
- e. 833 W. 76th Street Park (CD 8)
- f. 8620 Wall Street Pocket Park (CD 9)
- g. Vermont and Gage Park (CD 9)

h. Watts Cultural Crescent Park (CD 15)

In October 2013, the CDHCD released the HRP Program Notice of Funding Availability for the 2013 Designated Program Year. For the third consecutive grant cycle, the RAP collaborated with the HCIDLA to submit an application by the January 22, 2014 deadline. reward local governments that develop affordable residential housing to low-income households. On July 1, 2014, CDHCD announced that the 2013 round of funding incentivized a total of 20,533 affordable units in communities across California and would provide \$73,605,250 for park-related projects statewide, which includes 88 percent of the grant funds being awarded to park deficient communities, 78 percent of funds to disadvantaged communities, and 71 percent of funds to communities that are both park deficient and disadvantaged.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the July 24, 2014 RAP report and detailed above. The matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

**MEMBER    VOTE**

O'FARRELL: YES

LABONGE: YES

BUSCAINO: YES

CEDILLO: ABSENT

PRICE: YES

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